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SUBJ: ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT JUDGMENT

SUMMARY: MRS. GANDHI'S LAWYERS WILL ASK THE SUPREME COURT
TO HEAR HER APPEAL AND STAY APPLICATION ON JUNE 23.

THE PRIME MINISTER

HAS STATED THAT THE CONGRESS-GENERATED
RALLIES IN HER SUPPORT ARE "TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE WORLD
THAT INDIA WAS STRONG ENOUGH AND IT HAD THE CAPACITY TO
FACE ANY CHALLENGE." THE CONGRESS WILL HOLD A LARGE
RALLY IN NEW DELHI ON JUNE 20. J.P. NARAYAN WILL SPEAK
TO AN OPPOSITION-SPONSORED RALLY IN DELHI ON JUNE 22.
END SUMMARY.

1. IT HAS JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S
LAWYERS WILL ASK THE SUPREME COURT VACATION JUDGE
ON JUNE 20 TO ACCEPT JUNE 23 (MONDAY) AS THE DATE
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THE COURT WILL ADMIT MRS. GANDHI'S APPEAL PETITION AND

"ABSOLUTE" STAY APPLICATION.

2. ACCORDING TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS, MRS. GANDHI TOLD A GATHERING OF SUPPORTERS IN NEW DELHI ON JUNE 19 THAT ATTEMPTS WERE BEING MADE TO "FINISH ME OFF" IN A BID TO BLOCK HER PARTY'S RADICAL PROGRAMS. THE REPORTS STATED THAT MRS. GANDHI REITERATED HER RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE DESPITE THE "REPEATED THREATS" TO HER LIFE, AND HELD THAT THE CONTINUING MINI-RALLIES AT HER HOME WERE "TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE WORLD THAT INDIA WAS STRONG ENOUGH AND IT HAD THE CAPACITY TO FACE ALL CHALLENGES." ON JUNE 20, MRS. GNADHI WILL ADDRESS A LARGE CONGRESS-GENERATED "SOLIDARITY RALLY" NEAR PARLIAMENT.

3. ON JUNE 21-22, THE NON-CPI OPPOSITION PARTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PEOPLES FRONT WILL BE MAPPING OUT THEIR STRATEGY AGAINST MRS. GANDHI. THE EXECUTIVE BODIES OF THE FRONT'S CONSITUENTS (JAN SANGH, CONGRESS-O, BLD, SOCIALIST PARTY) WILL MEET JOINTLY AS THE "COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE PEOPLES STRUGGLE" IN DELHI ON JUNE 21, AND HOLD A RALLY ON JUNE 22. J.P. NARAYAN WILL ADDRESS THE RALLY.
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